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Overview

There were 87 accidents that occurred in April 2009. This is an 11.5% increase from March's 78 accidents. This is the first increase in accidents the command has experienced in four consecutive months. There was one fatal crash, resulting in one person killed. There were three accidents involving impaired drivers; one less than in March 2009. Of the 87 accidents, 22, or 25.3% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in thirteen, or 59%, of those accidents. Thirteen of the commercial vehicle crashes occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity remained consistent with March 2009, with 30 fewer citations issued in April 2009. Speed violations increased by 149 citations, or 11% from the prior month. Hazardous moving violations decreased by 25 citations, or 17.4% from the prior month. Occupant restraint violations decreased by 73 citations, or 29% as compared to March, but increased by 15, or 9% compared to last year's total. There were 37 arrests of impaired drivers prior to a crash during March. This is an increase of six compared to March 2009 and an increase of 7, or 23% over April 2008.

Commercial vehicle inspections increased 0.7%, or 2 inspections over March 2009. Yet, enforcement activity decreased 3%, compared to March 2009. There were 7 less safety violations written in April than in March. There was a 36% decrease, or 36 citations, in cited safety violations from March 2009. There were 5 vehicles and 7 drivers placed, "out of service" in April 2009. Vehicles placed out of service remained the same at 5 compared to March 2009, and drivers placed out of service decreased by 36%, or 4, compared to March 2009. Traffic personnel conducted 295 inspections during April. This is two more compared to March 2009 and 117 more compared to April 2008.

Front office personnel showed an increase of 54.4% over March in accident reports processed. There was a large decrease of arrest reports processed; 43.6% as compared to March 2009. Incident reports processed increased 75%, or by 3, during April compared to March. The Communications Center radio transmissions increased slightly by 2% compared to March 2009. CAD incidents and telephone calls remained relatively the same from the prior month and year.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	April-09		April-08	% Change		March-09	% Change
Total Crashes	87		63	38.1%		78	11.5%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	62		42	47.6%		59	5.1%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	24		21	14.3%		17	41.2%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1		0	100.0%		2	-50.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	3		3	0.0%		4	-25.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	1		0	100.0%		2	-50.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		2	-200.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1		0	100.0%		0	100.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	22		14	57.1%		11	100.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	17		9	88.9%		10	70.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	4		5	-20.0%		1	300.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1		0	100.0%		0	100.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.1%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.4%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 0

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 25.3%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- Accidents were up by 9 from March for an 11.5% increase. There were 24 more crashes than the previous year for a 38.1% increase.
- There were 3 DUI crashes for the month of April which reflects a 25% decrease from the previous month and the same compared to the previous year. The BAC results for all the DUI driver's are pending.
- There was one fatal crash in February, which is one less than the previous month. It is the same total as the previous year. The fatal crash involved a commercial motor vehicle where one person was killed.

There were 22 accidents involving commercial vehicles during April. This is an increase of eleven accidents or 100% from March 2009. The eleven accidents accounted for 25.3% of the total accidents in the Command. Of the 22 accidents, 13 or 59% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. There were eight accidents involving a commercial vehicle in which the passenger vehicle driver was found to be at fault. Thirteen of the commercial vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate 80. The remaining nine occurred on secondary roadways.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

	April-09		April-08	% Change		March-09	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	3		3	0.0%		4	-25.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	37		30	23.3%		31	19.4%
Other Arrests	124		161	-23.0%		157	-21.0%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	79		149	-47.0%		79	0.0%
Speed violations	1506		1306	15.3%		1357	11.0%
Hazardous moving violations	119		151	-21.2%		144	-17.4%
Occupant restraint violations *	177		162	9.3%		250	-29.2%
Total violations [above violations included]	2556		2359	8.4%		2586	-1.2%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	44		48	-8.3%		31	41.9%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	54		46	17.4%		50	8.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	521		477	9.2%		566	-8.0%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	0		0	0.0%		7	-700.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	108		75	44.0%		93	16.1%
Total safety violations -- repair order	805		555	45.0%		748	7.6%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	35		19	84.2%		40	-12.5%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	17		40	-57.5%		16	6.3%
Total school buses inspected	32		114	-71.9%		0	3200.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	5		12	-58.3%		0	500.0%
Total trucks weighed	796		482	65.1%		701	13.6%
Total overweight citations	18		11	63.6%		7	157.1%
Total dyed fuel inspections	503		448	12.3%		517	-2.7%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- Total violations decreased by 30 violations or 1.2% from March 2009 and increased 8.4% or by 197 citations compared to April 2008.

- Speed enforcement was up from March 2009 by 149 violations, for an 11% increase. Hazardous moving violations decreased by 25 or 17.4% compared to March. Occupant restraint violations decreased by 73 or 29.2% from the previous month, but increased from the previous year by 15 or 9.3%.
- There were 37 DUI arrests prior to crashes for a 19.4% increase from the prior month. This is a 23.3% increase over the same month last year. The average reported BAC for impaired drivers for April was .147.
- Commercial vehicle inspections increased by two safety inspections, or 0.7%, compared to March. Inspections dramatically increased by 117, or 65.7%, compared to the previous year. Total violations were down 7, or 3%, compared to March and 13, or 5.4%, compared to the previous year. There was a 36% decrease, or 36 violations, in cited safety violations compared to March. There were seven drivers and five vehicles placed out of service. Vehicles placed out of service decreased 36.4%, or by four, compared to March. There was a decrease of 114, or 16.3%, in the number of trucks weighed as compared to February. During March, Central Command Commercial troopers produced 54 traffic citations or traffic related arrests in addition to their commercial inspections.
- There were 643 trucks weighed by commercial enforcement in April. Of those trucks weighed, 166 were weighed on secondary roadways during 214.75 hours of team oriented, directed enforcement. This is an average of one truck being weighed every 1.3 hours while on high intensity, directed enforcement.
- MCSAP AA II Suzana Ayala certified 1,465 commercial vehicle inspections and entered 201 hand written commercial vehicle inspections during April. Additionally, she entered 37 commercial vehicle accidents into SafetyNet for other commands.

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]							
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Vehicles Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
April-09	295	64	228	7	5	212	0
April-08	178	69	241	21	7	163	0
% Change	65.7%	-7.2%	-5.4%	-66.7%	-28.6%	30.1%	#DIV/0!

April-09	295	64	228	7	5	212	0
March-09	293	100	235	11	5	265	0
% Change	0.7%	-36.0%	-3.0%	-36.4%	0.0%	-20.0%	#DIV/0!

- Traffic operations personnel conducted 295 level 2/3 inspections during April. This was an increase of 0.7% compared to March 2009. There was a decrease of 3% in repair orders compared to last month. There was a slight decrease in repair orders of 5.4%, compared to last year. Sixty-four citations were issued for safety violations. This is a 36% decrease from last month's one-hundred citations issued. There were 228 repair orders issued during the inspections with five vehicles and seven drivers being placed out of service. Vehicles placed out of service decreased by four, or 36.4%, compared to March 2009. Drivers placed out of service remained the same at five, compared to March 2009.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	April-09		April-08	% Change		March-09	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions	70060		56754	23.4%		68586	2.1%
CAD incidents	6194		7617	-18.7%		6261	-1.1%
Telephone Calls	7803		7477	4.4%		7474	4.4%
Call Box Incidents	0		61	-6100.0%		0	0.0%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	105		71	47.9%		68	54.4%
Arrest Reports Processed	57		83	-31.3%		101	-43.6%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	7		7	0.0%		4	75.0%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	255		124	105.6%		192	32.8%
Warrants Entered	210		136	54.4%		186	12.9%
Warrants Cleared	214		216	-0.9%		216	-0.9%
Warrants Validated	995		1644	-39.5%		1305	-23.8%
Extradition / Transports	2		3	-33.3%		9	-77.8%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	N/A		17			N/A	
New Items Submitted	N/A		138			N/A	
Items Disposed	N/A		427			N/A	

Contract Service overtime was 121 hours during four escorts totaling \$9,866.

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

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- Contract services revenue was down in April compared to March by \$3,475.11.
- Communications Center radio transmissions increased from the previous month and from the previous year by as much as 23%.
- The evidence section totals for March 2009 and February 2009 are unavailable. These numbers may be available in Headquarters.

- Front Office personnel processed more accident reports than the previous month and the previous year by as much as 54.4%. The number of processed arrest decreased by 43.6% compared to the prior month. Incident reports remained the same compared to the previous month and increased compared to the previous year.
- The Court/Warrant Unit work experienced increases in warrants received and warrants entered compared to last month and the same period last year. Warrants cleared, warrant validations completed and prisoner transports were all down compared to the prior month and prior year.

PERSONNEL

PSD III Mayra Cortez-Cerventes was promoted to PSD IV on April 13, 2009. Currently, there are two PSD I positions open in the Central Command dispatch center and one AA III position open in court warrants. Interviews for these three open positions are scheduled for May.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

During the month of April, Trooper Stewart completed disaster safety drill with the senior class at the Ely High School. Trooper Stewart participated in the Eureka Career Fair and the Great Basin Career Fair in Elko. Additionally, he conducted several drug and alcohol presentations for employees at the Florida Canyon Mine near Winnemucca.

AIR OPERATIONS

The Central Command Aircraft flew 19.3 hours, completing seven missions during April. There was one speed enforcement mission flown for April. During this speed enforcement mission, the aircraft produced the below listed activity:

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	31
Hazardous	4
Non-Hazardous	4
Seat belt	1
Arrests	2

Two subjects were arrested for suspicion of driving under the influence of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia as a result of the speed enforcement mission.

The remaining missions consisted of two line patrol missions for 4.9 hours of flight time and one prisoner transport. Two motorists were assisted during these air missions. Compared to March, flight time was down 36%, and enforcement activity was down 20%. When compared to April 2008, flight time is down 12%, enforcement activity is down 49% and motorist assisted are down 42%. Reduced flight time and lower activity may be attributed to lost time for training and inclement weather conditions during April.